

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for interactive scheduling comprising:

a web server having an appointment scheduling software application for receiving a customer's selection of a vendor, a service, an add-on service related to said service, a service provider at said vendor to provide said service, a date, and a timeslot selections, wherein said customer selects said date and said timeslot from an appointment book of dates and timeslots for said service provider presented to said customer; and

a central appointment repository at said web server for storing appointment data based on said customer's vendor, service, add-on service, service provider, and timeslot selections.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said customer's vendor selection is a selection from the group consisting of personal care vendors, health care vendors, and auto care businesses.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a customer's adjacent service selection wherein said adjacent service is related to said service.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising customer profile information for said customer.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein said appointment scheduling software application is adapted to send an email confirmation of an appointment to said customer based on said customer profile information.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said appointment scheduling software is operational at a web site for said vendor.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an-a scheduled appointments page at said web server for said customer to review scheduled appointments with a plurality of vendors.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for scheduling an appointment comprising the steps of:
 - prompting a customer to select a vendor;
 - prompting said customer to select a service;
 - prompting said customer to select a service provider at said vendor to provide said service;
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presenting to said customer an appointment book of dates and timeslots for said service provider;
 - prompting determining said customer customer's selection from said appointment book of to-select-a date to receive said selected service;
 - prompting determining said customer customer's selection from said appointment book of to-select-a time to receive said selected service;
 - prompting said customer to select an add-on service based on said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date, and said selected time; and
 - updating a central appointment repository based on said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date to receive

said selected service, said selected time to receive said selected service, and said selected add-on service.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of prompting said customer to select a service comprises the step of prompting said customer to select one of a plurality of services from a menu.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of prompting said customer to select an add-on service comprises the steps of:

identifying a service to be performed at the same time as the selected service;

identifying a service provider who can perform said identified service; and presenting said identified service to said customer.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of prompting said customer to select an adjacent service wherein said adjacent service is related to said identified service.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of prompting said customer to select aan adjacent service comprises the steps of:

identifying a service to be performed ~~at the same~~before or after the time as of the selected service;

identifying a service provider who can perform said identified service; and presenting said identified service to said customer.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of determining said customer's selection from said appointment book of a time to receive said selected

~~serviceprompting said customer to select a time to receive said selected service comprises the step of determining whether said customer's selection from said appointment book of a time to receive said selected serviceprompting said customer to select a time at which another customer has scheduled an appointment is the same time as a confirmed appointment for another customer.~~

14. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of sending a email to said customer confirming said selected vendor, said selected service, said selected service provider, said selected date to receive said selected service, said selected time to receive said selected service, and said selected add-on service.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for developing an web site for interactive scheduling comprising the steps of:

 prompting a user for vendor information;
 prompting said user for service offering information;
 prompting said user for service provider information for individuals to provide services at said vendor;
 prompting said user to assign at least one service provider to each service offering;
 creating an appointment book for each service provider based on said service provider information;
 creating a plurality of web pages based on said vendor information, service offering information, and service provider information; and
 linking at least one of said web pages to an appointment scheduling software

application adapted to store and maintain appointment data in said appointment book.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of prompting said user for service offering information comprises the steps of:

prompting said user for a description of each service;
prompting said user for a rate for each service; and
prompting said user for a length of time for each service.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of prompting said user for service provider information comprises the steps of:

prompting said user for biographical information for each service provider;
and
prompting said user for hours of availability for each service provider.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of prompting said user for add-on service information wherein said add-on service information is related to said service offering information.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of prompting said user for adjacent service information wherein said adjacent service information is related to said service offering information.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the step of creating a plurality of web pages comprises the steps of:

creating a home page based on said vendor information; and
creating a promotions page based on said service offering information.

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